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Letter dated 28 March 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith humanitarian and information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 24-28 March 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (24 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out six humanitarian operations: five in Aleppo governorate and one in Qunaytirah governorate.

In Aleppo city, 2,500 portions of hot food, bread and food products were distributed to residents of Bab Qinasirin, Sukkari, Qadi-Askar, Ashrafiyah and Karm al-Da'da' districts.

Residents of Hadar in Qunaytirah governorate received 350 food parcels and 50 parcels of children's food.

Over the past 24 hours, 2,960 residents have received humanitarian assistance. In total, 3 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Humanitarian convoys of United Nations cargoes were sent to Muta'iyah and Tall Shihab in Dar'a governorate with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food parcels) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (25 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,374.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 136.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has increased to 195.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 26.2 square kilometres. A total area of 3,426.1 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 13 violations in the following governorates: 4 in Damascus, 4 in Ladhiqiyah, 4 in Hama and 1 in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported 19 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 8 in Hama, 6 in Damascus, 3 in Aleppo, 1 in Idlib and 1 in Homs.

During its investigations of the incidents, the Russian representative office established that one violation had been committed by the Nusrah Front. It has not confirmed the other violations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (26 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire agreements have been signed with Ghizlaniyah in Damascus governorate and Umm al-Zaytun in Suwayda' governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,376.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 136.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has increased to 196.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 31 square kilometres. A total area of 3,457.1 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 12 violations: 5 in Damascus, 5 in Ladhiqiyah and 2 in Homs.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (26 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out six humanitarian operations: five in Aleppo city and one in Darminah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo city, 2,500 portions of hot food, bread and water were delivered to residents of Hamdaniyah-4, Bustan al-Qasr, Qadi Askar, Shahba' al-Qadimah and Shaykh Sa'd districts.

Residents of Darminah in Ladhiqiyah governorate received 350 food parcels.

Over the past 24 hours, 2,850 residents have received humanitarian assistance. In total, 1.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Humanitarian convoys of United Nations cargoes were sent from Damascus city to Suq Wadi Barada and Dayr Mukarram in Damascus governorate with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (27 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, 17 ceasefire agreements have been signed with Bayt Hujayrah and Masli in Ladhiqiyah governorate; Dimas in Damascus governorate; Hiyad and Tha'lah in Suwayda' governorate; and Dayr Qaq, Abu Taltal, Suran al-Bab, Sarijah, Aran, Ayshah, Tadif, Shurbah, Ayn al-Dhahab, Barlahin, Marran and Mazariyat Marran in Aleppo governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,393.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 136.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 remains unchanged at 196.

The area liberated by government forces has not changed from 3,457.1 square kilometres.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 15 violations in the following governorates: 8 in Damascus, 3 in Dar'a, 2 in Ladhiqiyah, 1 in Hama and 1 in Idlib.

The Turkish representative office has reported 18 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 6 in Hama, 5 in Damascus, 4 in Aleppo, 1 in Idlib, 1 in Homs and 1 in Dar'a.

The Russian representative office has not confirmed any of the 18 violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (27 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out six humanitarian operations: five in Aleppo governorate and one in Suwayda' governorate.

In Aleppo city, 2.4 tons of bottled drinking water, 300 food parcels and 0.8 tons of stationery supplies and children's toys were distributed to residents of New Aleppo, Bab-Nasrin, Haydariyah, Khalidiyah and Ma'adi districts.

Residents of Shaqqa in Suwayda' governorate received 350 food parcels.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 1,900 residents. In total, 6.1 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian airplanes parachuted 21 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food parcels) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (28 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire agreements have been signed with Zimrin and Harf al-Salib in Ladhiqiyah governorate, Dayr al-Hajar in Damascus governorate and Buthaynah in Suwayda' governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,397.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 136.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 198.

In total, 3,489.55 square kilometres have been liberated by government forces.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 13 violations in the following governorates: 7 in Damascus, 3 in Ladhiqiyah, 2 in Hama and 1 in Idlib.

The Turkish representative office has reported 16 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 4 in Hama, 4 in Aleppo, 4 in Idlib, 2 in Damascus, 1 in Dar'a and 1 in Homs.

The Russian representative office has not confirmed any of the 16 violations during its investigations of the incidents.